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From: Chang, Lisa
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 12:17 PM
To: Bonifaci, Angela
Subject: RE: Call between Dennis, Larry W and Larry's attorney today

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Angela –

This is not directly related, but of interest: Gina just told me during our monthly PSTCP meeting that on Larry's capacity grant, Yvette identified a conflict of interest issue (Swinomish is using capacity funds to support a contractor, Skagit Climate Consortium, which Larry sits on (as a technical committee member). There is an appearance of conflict of interest so Yvette and Gina have asked Larry to clarify his activities, as well as to make a COI statement. I think this is a very recent development and is being worked now. Also under the new capacity award, Swinomish is including an education and outreach component.

I am concerned that you and Dennis are going into this call with Larry and a Swinomish attorney with no ORC or GIAU support. It seems to be a vulnerable position for EPA to be in to be speaking to Swinomish counsel without EPA counsel on hand.

Dan relied on the "substantial involvement" T&C and other grant policies for our oversight authority on the Swinomish subaward. He was willing to say that EPA couldn't allow the work to go forward without further discussion/involvement on the basis of what we have seen of the project to date. Given the buzz we have been hearing about (including what I heard from Skagit Watershed Council and PSP place-based staff), I think we have grounds to be concerned that the grant activities could fracture, rather than encourage collaboration, among key Management Conference interests.

Lisa

From: Bonifaci, Angela
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 11:43 AM
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Hey Lisa,

I just wanted to keep you in the loop as this conversation unfolds.

Larry has asked to talk with Dennis at 12:30pm this afternoon. One of Larry's attorneys will also be on the call.

Dennis has asked that I call in.

Is there anything more that I should know going into this?

Thanks!
Angela

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